

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE PROGRAM FOR ORAL HEALTH
MINUTES**

**March 4, 2011
1:00 p.m.**

**Division of Child and Adolescent Services
2665 Enterprise Road
Reno, NV 89512**

**Division of Child & Family Services
6171 W. Charleston Blvd., Bldg 8
Las Vegas, NV 89146**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Tyree Davis (Las Vegas)
Sharon Peterson (Las Vegas)
Keith Clark (Elko)
Gwen Osburn (Las Vegas)
Dr. Bob Talley (Reno)
Dr. Mark Rosenberg (Reno)
Steve Williams (Las Vegas)
Christina Demopoulos (Las Vegas)

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dr. Donna Hellwinkel (Reno)
Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton (LV)
Jane Gruner (Reno)
Louise Helton (Las Vegas)
Sherry Molnar (Las Vegas)

HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT:

Lori Cofano, Oral Health Program Manager, Bureau of Child, Family and Community Wellness (BCFCW)
Laura Webb, Oral Health Educator, Oral Health Program (OHP), BCFCW
Adel Mburia-Mwalili, Biostatistician, OHP, BCFCW
Christine Pool, Biostatistician, Maternal and Child Health (MCH), BCFCW
Karen Gonzalez, Program Coordinator/Evaluator Trainee, OHP, BCFCW

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tiffany Rice, Dental Program, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

Dr. Tyree Davis called the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health (AC4OH) meeting to order at **1:10 pm**. Dr. Davis indicated the meeting was properly posted at the locations listed on the agenda in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

Introductions were made around the table.

1. Roll Call and approval of the minutes from the December 17, 2010 meeting

MOTION: Dr. Mark Rosenberg
SECOND: Dr. Christina Demopoulos
PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

2. Update on Oral Health Program (OHP) activities

Lori Cofano's program report was sent to all of the AC4OH members prior to the meeting, copies were also provided at the meeting.

Recipient Activity 1- Infrastructure: Staffing, Management and Support

Laura Webb has been contracted to provide oral health education presentations/trainings for the Oral Health Program. She will be assisting the program through July 2011. Ms. Webb's background includes clinical experience as a dental hygienist and clinical instructor, founding Director of the Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) Dental Hygiene Program, and principal of LJW Education. Her extensive experience in providing educational instruction will be an asset to the program. Adel Mburia is the new Biostatistician II. Her services are divided 50% Oral Health and 50% Newborn Screening. Adel's background is in epidemiology. She completed an internship with Washoe

County District Health Department and worked as a contractor for the Cancer Registry for close to two years. Prior to coming to the United States from Kenya, Ms. Mburia was a Home Economics instructor. Her experience in data management and analysis combined with her experience as an instructor will benefit her in her new role as Oral Health Biostatistician. Interviews for the Administrative Assistant II position were held on February 16, 2011. A candidate has been selected and paperwork is in process; the position will most likely be filled by this meeting. The Fluoridation Specialist/Oral Health Educator position is currently vacant and applications are being accepted for this position. Applicants must be a Nevada licensed dental hygienist. This position will also coordinate the Basic Screening Survey (BSS) of Head Start children in fall 2011/spring 2012.

Recipient Activity 2 – Data Collection and Surveillance

The draft copy of the Surveillance Plan is ready to be presented to the AC4OH for review. The Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD) annual State Synopsis was completed the end of February. CDC Water Fluoridation Reporting System (WFRS) 2010 data entry is complete. CDC annual Fluoridation Discrepancy Report in progress. Questionnaires for the next Burden Document are slated to go out after July 1, 2011.

Recipient Activity 3 – Strategic Planning – The State Oral Health Plan

Goal 2.3 – *By 2013, implement community-based fluoride programs in all 17 counties.* Ms. Cofano and Karen Gonzalez met with the WIC Program and the Public Health & Clinical Services Program (PHCSP) regarding implementing a referral process for WIC clients. This meeting also resulted in PHCSP agreeing to accept WIC's income verification process to decrease duplication of effort.

Goal 4 – *Change perceptions about and increase awareness of oral health.* The Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) and AC4OH partnered on a Legislative Meet and Greet held on March 2, 2011 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Nevada State Legislative Building. Dr. Davis and Dr. Mark Rosenberg attended on behalf of the AC4OH. A number of the other goals in the State Plan involve funding and given Nevada's current budget issues are not feasible at this time.

Recipient Activity 4 – Partnerships

The Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) and AC4OH partnered on a Legislative Meet and Greet held on March 2, 2011 from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Nevada State Legislative Building. Dr. Davis and Dr. Rosenberg attended on behalf of the AC4OH. Christine Garvey, the Statewide Sealant Coordinator, met with United Way to continue the discussion regarding results of their community needs assessment. Ms. Garvey met with Clark County School District Health Directors to continue the conversation regarding wrap around services/health clinics. Ms. Garvey has provided technical support to Future Smiles to assist with their expansion to Clark High School. Ms. Garvey will be providing technical assistance pertaining to CDC infection control guidelines to sealant programs in Nevada. Ms. Gonzalez translated a Privacy Notice for Future Smiles. The Carson-Douglas and the Churchill, Lyon, Pershing, Storey coalitions have merged and changed the name of the coalition to the Northwestern Rural Oral Health Coalition (NROHC).

Recipient Activity 5 – Access to and Utilization of Preventive Interventions

Currently 72.8% of Nevadans receive fluoridated water; just short of the HP 2010 goal of 75%. Ms. Cofano provided screening and fluoride varnish training to several Douglas County School District nurses on December 16, 2010. WIC Program and the PHCSP will be implementing a referral process for WIC clients in collaboration with the Oral Health Program (OHP). Ms. Cofano provided information on oral health screening and the application of fluoride varnish to the Community Health Nurses at their meeting on January 25, 2011. Ms. Cofano presented Senior Smiles training at The Arbors in Reno on January 21, 2011. Ms. Webb presented *Healthy Mouth for a Healthy Head Start* to University of Nevada Reno (UNR) Early Head Start parents on February 24, 2011. Ms. Webb is scheduled to present to Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS) staff in Las Vegas on May 12, 2011.

Recipient Activity 6 – Policy Development

WIC Program and the PHCSP will be implementing a referral process for WIC clients in collaboration with the OHP. Ms. Cofano has scheduled Friday, September 9, 2011 in Las Vegas for the Children's Dental Health Project (CDHP) Policy Tool to re-evaluate policy priorities for the program and the AC4OH. The economic climate has impacted many of the items identified by the previous Policy Tool exercise in January 2008. The Policy Tool session will be facilitated by Dr. Lynn Mouden, Arkansas State Dental Director.

Recipient Activity 7 – Evaluation

The CDC Interim Progress Report and continuation application are due April 27, 2011. Ms. Gonzalez has been given evaluation questionnaires from the above mentioned presentations and trainings and will be creating reports based on the feedback from the questionnaires. Ms. Gonzalez will be providing AC4OH meeting attendees with a brief evaluation to complete following the meeting.

Recipient Activity 8 – Program Collaboration

The OHP is collaborating with the WIC Program and the PHCSP programs as discussed under Recipient Activity 3. Collaborative efforts are being undertaken to collect height and weight information during the BSS of Head Start children. The OHP is collaborating with CDHP to bring the Policy Tool to Nevada. The OHP is working on creating a campaign called *Get it Done by Age One* that will encourage parents to take their child for their first dental visit by the age of one.

3. Update on the Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health priorities

Goal #1: *Build the Infrastructure Needed to Support Oral Health in Nevada.* There are no funding opportunities as of January 2011. Keith Clark will be going to Nevada Health Centers in Elko to take pictures for potential stories. Dr. Davis and Dr. Rosenberg will attend the Legislative Meet and Greet on behalf of the AC4OH and used the opportunity to discuss oral health issues with Legislators. Louise Helton contacted someone at the university to work on a video, it was too late for a student to take on a project for Spring 2011, she will try for Fall semester. Ms. Cofano stated Lynn Mouden, Arkansas State Dental Director, will facilitate the Policy Tool session in September.

Goal #2: *Implement Evidence-based Oral Health Prevention Activities.* Ms. Helton contacted the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) about the fluoridation celebration. There were no request letters received for support for HRSA grant due 12/1/10.

Goal #3: *Increase Access to Oral Health Services for all Underserved Nevadans.* Items were tabled due to state budget issues. The letter to Dean West in support of rural rotations for dental and dental hygiene students was completed December 2009.

Goal #4: *Change Perceptions About, and Increase Awareness of Oral Health.* Messages on Text4Baby™ are created by a national entity and cannot be changed. In January the OHP Manager provided the Community Health Nurses (CHN) with training on oral health screening and fluoride varnish. The CHN's also agreed to use Women, Infant and Children (WIC) income verification process, this will eliminate duplication of work. Ms. Helton contacted university students but it was too late for media piece projects and will try again in the fall.

4. Update on Legislator Reception held on March 2, 2011

Dr. Davis, Ms. Osburn and Dr. Rosenberg provided feedback about the Legislative Meet and Greet. They all felt disappointed that there weren't many legislators who participated. Ms. Osburn would have liked to have seen more legislators participate so she and the others would have had the opportunity to educate them about the importance of oral health. Ms. Osburn thanked Dr. Rosenberg for the slides and praised the OHP board. Ms. Cofano thanked the AC4OH, Dr. Davis, Dr. Rosenberg and Ms. Osburn for their support and participation.

5. Presentation on HMO contracts, provider recruitment, and utilization data

Tiffany Rice stated as of November 2010 all data is an unduplicated count of enrollees who received a dental service at any point during the month; Amerigroup (AGP) had 64,787 enrollees ages 0-20, Health Plan of Nevada (HPN) had 81,539 enrollees ages 0-20 and Fee for Service (FFS) had 58,991 enrollees ages 0-20; AGP had 4,365 dental patients, HPN had 6,501 dental patients and FFS had 4,528 dental patients. 6.74% of AGP enrollees received a dental service, 7.97% of HPN enrollees received a dental service and 7.68% of FFS enrollees received a dental service. A Plan of Correction was instituted with AGP for their dental vendor DentaQuest in February 2010. The Plan of Correction has been closed as of February 2011. All claims have been processed. As of 10/1/10, Scion became the new dental vendor for AGP. They are still in the process of actively recruiting and credentialing providers. As of 2-25-11 Scion has 183 General Dentists and 41 Specialists on their panel. There are 32 providers pending credentialing. Upon termination of their contract, DentaQuest had 153 General Dentists and 34 Specialists on their panel. It is unknown at this time if changes impacting the dental program will be made. Governor Brian Sandoval has not asked for any dental benefit reductions in his proposed budget however, that does not mean that the legislators might not propose some reductions.

6. Review and possible recommendations of draft Surveillance Plan

Christine Pool presented on the draft copy of the Surveillance Plan. She stated she would like this to be a tool for everyone to use. The data she used was data from the Basic Screening Survey (BSS), National Oral Health Indicators and Healthy People indicators. Ms. Pool asked the AC4OH to look at the document and provide feedback to ensure the information compiled is what they want to focus on.

7. Discussion and recommendations pertaining to letter from AC4OH to Chuck Duarte at Medicaid regarding reimbursement rates and denture benefits

Dr. Davis requested a motion to write a letter to Chuck Duarte which would focus on important oral health issues such as questioning the last time Medicaid reimbursement rates were increased; the importance of the adult denture benefit; and a request to increase reimbursement.

MOTION: Dr. Mark Rosenberg
SECOND: Dr. Demopoulos
PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

8. Future meeting dates, meeting structure and agenda development

Future 2010 meetings are as follows; May 13th at 1pm; September 9th, face to face at 9:30am, tentatively; December 9th at 1pm.

9. Public Comment and Discussion

No public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm